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AMENDMENTS

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1. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of dial platform configuration management <u>for a dial platform coupling a dial-up Public Switched Telephone network and an Internet Protocol network</u>, in which said dial platform comprises ~~at~~ multiple chassis, each of said <u>multiple </u>chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality <u>of </u>cards, said <u>plurality of </u>cards having at least one modem thereon, comprising the steps of:

selecting an action including downloading code to at least one of said <u>multiple </u>chassis, configuring said at least one of said <u>multiple </u>chassis, and downloading and configuring said at least one of said <u>multiple </u>chassis;

choosing a site at which said at least one chassis is located~~,~~;

selecting at least one chassis at said site;

placing said at least one chassis at said site in a queue for subsequent execution of said selected action;

executing said selected action;

determining a priority for said selected action, wherein:

said priority is determined by how many chassis are selected; and

if more than five chassis are selected, the selected action is given an average priority.

17. (Currently amended) A method of dial platform configuration management <u>for a dial platform coupling a dial-up Public Switched Telephone network and an Internet Protocol network</u>, in which said dial platform comprises ~~at~~ multiple chassis, each of said <u>multiple </u>chassis having a

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plurality of slots containing a plurality of cards, said plurality of cards having at least one modem thereon, comprising the steps of:

selecting an action including downloading code to at least one of said multiple chassis, configuring said at least one of said multiple chassis, and downloading and configuring said at least one of said multiple chassis;

choosing a site at which said at least one chassis is located;

selecting at least one chassis at said site;

placing said at least one chassis at said site in a queue for subsequent execution of said selected action;

executing said selected action;

determining a priority for said selected action, wherein:

said priority is determined by how many chassis are selected; and

if five or less chassis are selected, and the selected activity is not to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum, said selected action is given a highest priority.

18. - 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A system, for managing the configuration of a dial platform coupling a dial-up Public Switched Telephone network and an Internet Protocol network, comprising:

multiple chassis, each of said multiple chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality of cards, said plurality of cards having at least one modem thereon;

a server through which an actions can be selected, said actions including downloading code to at least one of said multiple chassis, configuring said at least one of said chassis, and to downloading and configuring said at least one of said multiple chassis;

said server maintaining a queue of said actions to be performed at sites where said multiple chassis are located throughout said platform;

said queue having the ability to initiate said selected actions during a maintenance window during which use of said platform is at a minimum, wherein:

said selected actions are prioritized;

said priority is determined by whether said selected actions are to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum; and

if more than five chassis are selected for a selected action, said selected action is given an average priority.

30. (Currently amended) A system, for managing the configuration of a dial platform coupling a dial-up Public Switched Telephone network and an Internet Protocol network, comprising:

multiple chassis, each of said multiple chassis having a plurality of slots containing a plurality of cards, said plurality of cards having at least one modem thereon;

a server through which an actions can be selected, said actions including downloading code to at least one of said multiple chassis, configuring said at least one of said multiple chassis, and to downloading and configuring said at least one of said multiple chassis;

said server maintaining a queue of said actions to be performed at sites where said multiple chassis are located throughout said platform;

said queue having the ability to initiate said selected actions during a maintenance window during which use of said platform is at a minimum, wherein:

said selected actions are prioritized;

said priority is determined by whether said selected actions are to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum; and

if five or less chassis are selected and the selected activity is not to be performed in a maintenance window during which platform use is at a minimum, said selected action is given a highest priority.